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"PROSPECTOR" IS CHOICE FOR DERBY

King Edward's Colt, Perier, Was a Close Second in the Betting

MEN PICKED FOR OXFORD-CAMBRIDGE

Blue Ribbon Rowing Event Will Take Place on April 4th—A Paris Sporting Paper Claims Tommy Burns as Frenchman, With a German Mother.

BY RICHARD DAHLGREN.
(Special Cable to Times-Dispatch.)
LONDON, February 29.—Interest in the next Derby is beginning to be manifested, and some betting on the great race has been recorded. In the early betting Prospector seems to be a slight favorite, with the King's Perier second in the betting. Rush Cutler and Dalgety also have received some support, and bets have been recorded on Mountain Apple.

The Derby appears to me to wear a more than usually open aspect this year, for, apart from those above named, such as Morena, Varnose, White Eagle, Royal Realm, Sir Archibald, Eaton Lad and Lesbia are all likely to command liberal support. There is also a great tip for Bachelor's Lodge, a half-brother to Bachelor's Button, in Ireland, whose owner, Mr. Lowry, has already refused many tempting offers for him, though his book record is nothing much to boast about.

From now on interest will increase, but it will be some time before anything like a reliable idea can be had as to the probable contenders in the race.

The death of His Majesty's great race-horse, Persimmon, while not unexpected, caused profound regret in racing circles. Persimmon was in the prime of his usefulness in the stud, and had fair to become one of the greatest of British sires.

For a time after he broke his hip it was thought his life could be saved, and everything possible to accomplish this result was done. Up to the end of last season Persimmon's get had won 146 races and purses to the aggregate of \$625,000 were to their credit. The horse was valued at \$200,000, though of course he was not for sale at any price.

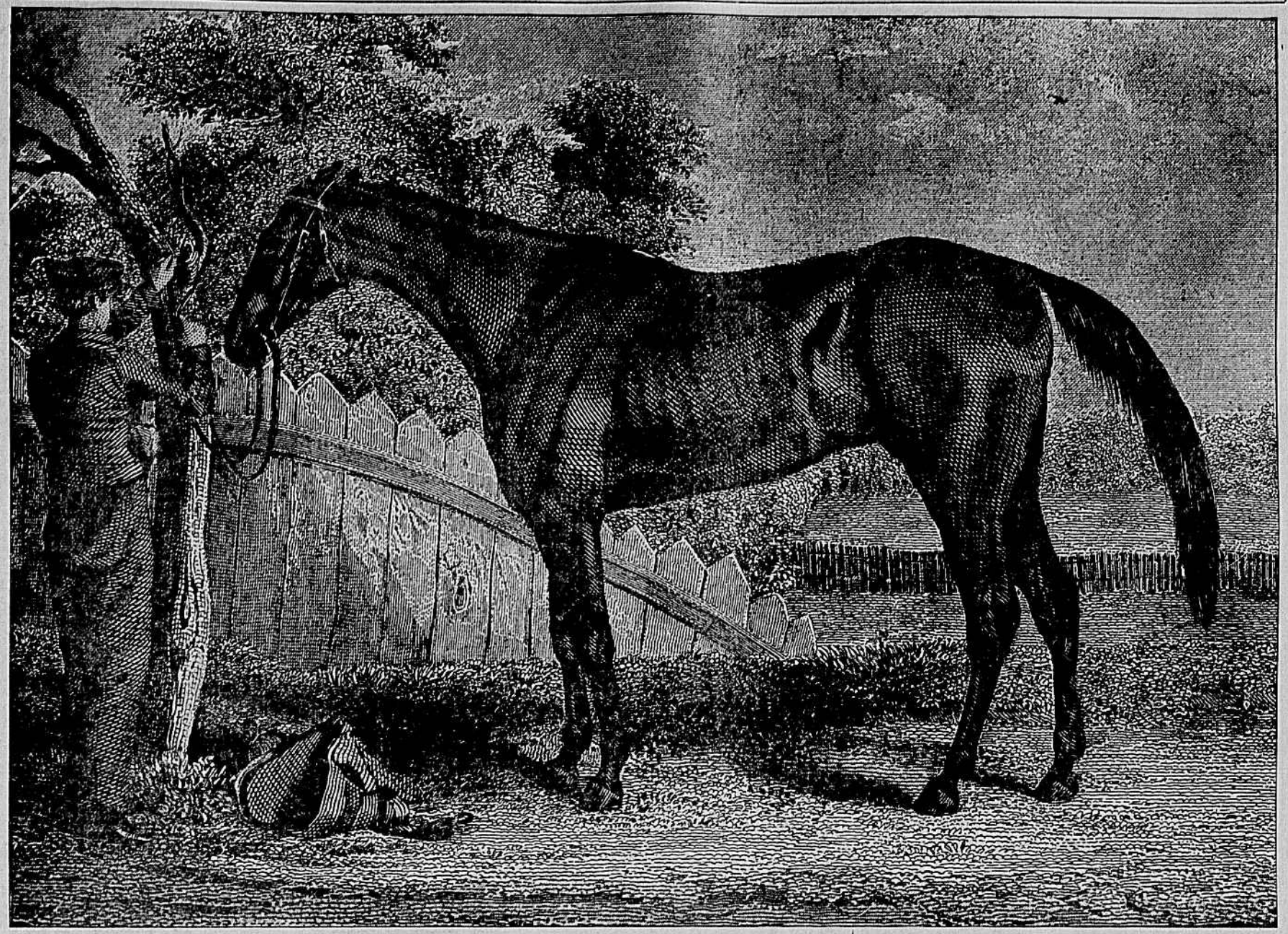
Another automobile record has been made. Fifty miles in 35 minutes 5.76 seconds was made by Charles Jarrott, driving an 80-horse power at Brooklands. Just fancy what an average of eighty-three miles an hour means!

The crews have been practically selected for the Oxford-Cambridge boat-race, which is to be rowed April 4th. As they now stand, the crews are as follows:

Oxford.	St.	Lb.
J. E. Somers-Smith (Magdalen), bow	11	6
C. R. Cudmore (Magdalen)	12	2
H. L. Southwell (Magdalen)	12	9
A. E. Kitchin (St. John's)	12	9 1/2
A. G. Kitchin (Magdalen)	12	9
A. G. McCulloch (University)	12	5
H. R. Barker (Christ Church)	11	10
A. C. Gladstone (Christ Church), stroke	11	5
A. W. Donkin (Magdalen) cox	8	8
Cambridge.		
F. H. Jerwood (Jesus), bow	11	7
E. S. Horridge (Trinity)	12	5
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J. S. Burn (First Trinity)	12	7
H. G. Baynes (First Trinity)	14	3 1/2
E. G. Williams (Third Trinity)	13	1
E. W. Powell (Third Trinity)	11	5
D. C. R. Stuart (Trinity)		

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THE MARE THAT WON A TWENTY-MILE RACE



BLACK MARIA.

JENNINGS SAYS PENNANT IS HIS

DETROIT, MICH., February 29.—Having won the championship of the American League last year, with his allocation of ball tossers, Hughes Jennings, manager of the Detroit Tigers, is already counting upon capturing another pennant this year, and he has hoped out just how the eight teams in the league will finish the season. Naturally, the Tigers are given first place, but Hughes has conceded to the Highlanders the top of second place.

From the way Jennings has figured it out any one of the five leading teams, Detroit, New York, Cleveland, Chicago and Philadelphia, is a possible winner, although it is most probable that fate will grin at the Tigers. Hughes says, "Growth has the fastest base-running team in the country, and his team is a powerful factor in the race. The Nats are away in the race, and can make trouble when least expected. It will be a hard task to keep the White Sox from being contenders, and the Athletics are sure to prove a troublesome factor at all times." Hughes admits that he can't quite figure out where St. Louis stands, but he is quite positive about Boston and Washington, characterizing the Puritans as hopelessly out of it, and the Senators even more so.

Harvard Coach. February 29.—After weeks of deliberation it was decided to make another experiment with the football coaching system at Harvard, and Percy D. Haughton was named as head coach.

MAKING COURSE FOR A MOTOR-CAR RACE

NEW YORK, February 29.—The site for the 1908 Vanderbilt cup race has been decided upon. Those who know have been singularly reticent about divulging any information. Yet engineers have been at work upon a 1,000-acre tract that had been quietly purchased near Lake Ronkonkoma, L. I., which cut an eight-shaped course over which the next race is to be run. So quiet has been the work of the engineers that they were supposed by the people residing near Lake Ronkonkoma to be city engineers seeking water supply for New York City.

As soon as the frost is out of the ground work will be started upon the course and upon the automobile parkway that will lead to it from the city. Rights of way or fees have been obtained upon a strip from Lake Ronkonkoma as far west as Bethpage Junction. From the lake westward the parkway, which is to be 200 feet wide, will parallel the Long Island Railroad upon the north side. Arrangements for extending the parkway westward from Bethpage Junction are said to be not yet complete. However, the good roads west of Bethpage render it free imperative that the parkway should have a private right of way outlet to the west at present.

LEWIS AND GARDNER TO MIX FOR CHAMPIONSHIP
SAN FRANCISCO, February 29.—A match has been arranged which will decide who is the legitimate welterweight champion of the world. The fighters who will figure in it are Harry Lewis, the clever Quaker

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The sporting editor of The Times-Dispatch will gladly answer in these columns any questions regarding sporting matters. Communications on sporting subjects will also be printed and comments will be made. Address Sporting Editor, Times-Dispatch.

City pugilist, and Jimmy Gardner, the sturdy fighter, of Lowell, Mass., who has been anxious to meet Lewis for some time. They will come together in a twenty-five-round battle before the Colima A. C. on the afternoon of March 15th. They were signed up by Matchmaker Jim Groff, and will fight at 142 pounds. Billy Roche has been selected to judge the contest.

ENGLISH WILL SEND MOTOR-BOAT ACROSS POND

NEW YORK, February 29.—International yachting will enter principally this year in the attempt to capture the British International Motor-Boat Cup, won last summer by Commodore E. Schroeder's Dixie. The cup, which is sometimes called the Harmer trophy, as it was originally donated by Sir Alfred Harmer, holds the same position among motor-boat enthusiasts as does the America's Cup in the world of sailing yachts. The British Motor-Boat Club has sent a formal challenge. The craft named as the possible challenger is being built at the Wolsey Motor Company, East Cowes, Eng. She will be tried out at the international motor-boat carnival at Monaco, and then brought to America.

BIG FIGHT FOR ALASKA SPORTS

SAN FRANCISCO, February 29.—Jim Jeffries, who was made a flustering offer a few weeks ago by a syndicate of sporting men of Fairbanks, Alaska, to take four fighters from California to that city to engage in twenty-five rounds fights for big purses, has accepted the offer, and is at present trying to decide on what fighters he will match up for the two battles. The fights there are to be held in conjunction with a big carnival which will be pulled off there on July 4th, for which \$50,000 has been raised for prizes. Jeffries is to referee the fights, and according to the big fellow, \$25,000 of this amount is to be paid out for the two fights. Jim Flynn, the Pueblo heavyweight, and Abe Attell, the featherweight champion, will most likely be principals in the two contests.

BILLY PAPKE SAYS HE WILL PUT KELLY TO SLEEP

CHICAGO, February 29.—Billy Papke is so confident that he will defeat Hugo Kelly on March 15th that he says he is willing to let Billy Forrester, Kelly's manager, referee. If, of course, some other man cannot be agreed upon. Papke declares, for that matter, that the fight will referee itself. He will accept either Malachi Hogan or John Krone, of this city, but states that many of his friends will not patronize the fight of either of these men is chosen. Papke is at Hot Springs and is working steadily. He declares that after he disposes of Kelly he will make a match with the winner of the Ketchell-Sullivan fight.

ANOTHER ENTRY FOR BERMUDA RACE

BOSTON, MASS., February 29.—One more entry has been received for the ocean yacht race to Bermuda, this time a yacht in class D. The boat entered is the yawl Chase, owned by Charles A. Gabor, Jr., and representing the Morris Yacht Club of New York. Chase is 42.4 feet over all, 23.8 feet water line, 19 foot beam and 6 feet draft. The other actual entry in class D is the yawl Lila, owned by R. D. Floyd, and the two boats are almost exactly the same size, so there shall be good racing between them. The committee has also heard from Daniel Baccot of the New York Yacht Club, owner of the yawl Tamerlane. He says the event appeals to him, and he expects to go of the race, but cannot make a definite entry at present. Two years ago Tamerlane, when owned by Commodore Maier, of the New York Yacht Club, won the first race to Bermuda, sailing against Lila and the sloop Gauntlet.

Columbia's New Shell

NEW YORK, February 29.—Columbia's new eight-oared shell has been delivered at the Gould boathouse on the Hudson River. The new shell follows the general dimensions of last year's boat and has only a few modifications. It is a trifle longer, and the bow is a little deeper. The most important innovations are in the bracing. Sixteen metal braces are used, doing away with much of the wooden bracing ordinarily used. The boat is consequently much stiffer than the previous shells, and nothing has been lost in lightness. The four-oared shell will be ready at about the time when the crews are put on the water.

BLACK MARIA'S ROYAL BREEDING

The Daughter of American Eclipse, Was Queen of Long Distance Races

WON 159 RACES OUT OF 191 RUN

Unique Among Flyers, She Is Only American Horse Which Ever Ran Five Four-Mile Heats in a Single Day, Finishing First.

BY THOMAS NELSON CARTER.
Black Maria, a wonderful mare in her day, although soon outclassed by better horses, as is inevitably the case in the national evolution of horseflesh, was bred by Mr. C. H. Hall, of Harlem, N. Y., and foaled on the 15th of June, 1826. Her pedigree is one of the most striking we have, she being by American Eclipse out of Lady Lightfoot, by Sir Archy, second dam Black Maria (Seldens Maria), by imported Shark, third dam—dam of Vint'un—a celebrated race-mare, by imported Clockfast, a half-brother to Medley, by Glimcrack, fourth dam Burwell's Maria, by Regulus, who was a son of the Godolphin Arabian.

It will be seen that she was much inbred to Diomed—her sire, Eclipse, being by Duroc, by Diomed, and her dam, Lady Lightfoot, by Sir Archy, by Diomed. Having the Diomed blood she traced to the best Eastern blood through the Godolphin Arabian, Byerly Turk, Darley Arabian, etc., through the best English sons of these renowned sires.

Of Eclipse, her sire, and Sir Archy, the sire of her dam, it need only be said that Sir Archy was unrivaled as the sire of winners, while Eclipse was equally unrivaled as a winner himself. Lady Lightfoot, the dam of Black Maria, was one of the most distinguished racers of her day, winning over twenty races, most of which were four-mile heats, and was never beaten but once, except in her old age—her eleventh year, and then by Eclipse. General Wynn, her owner, said of her: "Of all the horses I ever saw as the safest and best at any distance, having the best and most uniform constitution—being very fleet and of the most perfect bottom." She won 159 out of 191 miles run.

The second dam of Black Maria was Seldens Maria, afterwards called Black Maria. She was a prodigy in her day, uniting a great turn of speed to indomitable courage and power. She ran until her fourteenth year. This mare was purchased by Colonel Taylor and General Hampton to run a match against Shark, a Swedish race-horse, Hampton bought her for \$2,500 from Colonel Aiston, who had her from General Hampton.

The subject of this sketch was purchased of Mr. Hall by that sportsman, Mr. John C. Stevens, when she was seventeen months old for \$1,000, and was owned by him during her racing career. He finally sold her at New Orleans to the Hon. Balle Peyton, as a brood mare, for \$4,000. She was then sent to imported Lutzburg by Mr. Peyton, who immediately produced a produce stake for colts and fillies foaled in 1832, to be run at Nashville during the fall of 1833, with subscriptions of \$5,000 each, \$1,000 forfeit.

There were twenty-nine nominations from the best mares selected from England and America, and when the stake closed in January it amounted to \$15,000. Black Maria's foal headed

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ROCHE BATTLES BURNS ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

BY RICHARD DAHLGREN.
LONDON, February 29.—It is on to Ireland for Tommy Burns now. The American champion is to meet Jem Roche, the champion of Ireland, at the Theatre Royal, Dublin, on St. Patrick's Day, and all sporting Ireland is talking of the fight. The demand for seats has been most gratifying to the promoters of the match. I understand that a number of the peerage and other society men have engaged seats to see the mill, and it is stated that more than one lady of high degree will watch the two gladiators battle for the world's championship.

It may be said that fight promoters on this side of the water are thorough to live to their ability to charge and receive big prices for an opportunity to see a world's championship fight. In a recent advertisement of the Burns-Roche fight, in the name of charges for the Theatre Royal event, State seats, 5s 6s; boxes (to hold 2) from 15s 15s; dress circle 12s 3s.

parterre 22 2s; upper circle (full) 11 1s.
This is the equivalent of \$27.50 for a ring-side seat, and \$7.50 for a place in the top gallery, and a month before the fight the lower-priced seats all were sold. It is confidently believed that there will not be an unsold seat in the house on the night of the fight. This being a grand opera and indicates that British fight promoters have nothing to learn along this line from their shrewd cousins across the water.

I notice that there is a good deal of discussion and more or less difference of opinion in the States as to the weights of the different classes of fighters. Here is the English scale laid down for the championships of the Amateur Boxing Association which are to be fought at Alexandra Palace on April 15th:

Bantam, 8 stone, 4 pounds (equal to 116 pounds); feather, 9 stone (126 pounds); light, 10 stone (140 pounds);

middle, 11 stone 4 pounds (155 pounds); heavy, any weight.
These weights govern the fighting game here, and there is little disputing over weights. Perhaps the fighting men of the States might learn something from this side in this line even if the English fighters seem unable to stand up against the American.

It is hardly likely that the challenge of the American Intercollegiate Athletic Association for an international meet will be accepted by the English universities. At a recent meeting of the Oxford University Athletic Association, the question was discussed, and it was decided to consult with Cambridge concerning the challenge, but the feeling in Oxford is strong against accepting the challenge.

Going back to the Burns-Roche fight it may be interesting for Americans to know the terms of the match. "The Sporting Life" revised Marquis

of Queensberry rules are to govern the match, which is for 1500 a side, a purse of £1,500, and the heavyweight championship of the world. Of the purse money, 80 per cent. is to go to the winner and 20 per cent. to the loser. Under the articles, the editor of the "Sporting Life" acts as stakeholder, and is to appoint Mr. P. Watson as referee as well as nominate the timekeeper.

One feature of the prize fighting game in France which seems strange to English and Americans is the large attendance of women at the matches. In fact, they seem to be most enthusiastic witnesses of the battles. At a recent international tournament in which an Englishman, George Moore, fought Adolphe, a Frenchman, there were nearly as many women as men present.

Paris may, by the way, solve the American pugilistic color line question. Sam Mackey, an American now

always had a soft spot in his heart for the little fighter.

While I don't believe Terry ever will come back so as to be a formidable factor in the battle that the clean, healthy out-of-door life of a baseball training camp will get him back to health again, for which all of his friends will be truly thankful.

After long discussion, which almost threatened to call off the bait between Bill Papke and Hugo Kelly, a referee has finally been selected and March 15th has been set as the date of the fight.

One of the owners of the Milwaukee Boxing Club, who was the only man

whose death was reported January 6th. The price paid for Cylene was, I understand, the big sum of \$25,000, and this year's stud engagements in England, but he will be exported to South America at the end of June.

Cylene had a most successful career, both as a race horse and as a sire. A chestnut colt by Roma Vista-Arcadia, he was bred by Mr. C. D. Rose in 1895, so that he is now thirteen years of age.

J. H. Martin, the American jockey, is again distinguishing himself in the bob-sleighing races at Davos Platz. Steering his victorious Gazeka, he has beaten record, setting down the course in the magnificent time of 4 min. 59 sec., which is a fine performance over a course of two miles length, with fifty-one corners in it, some of them requiring no little skill to take without an upset. The way Gazeka whizzed round the last tricky corner without break elicited the admiration and applause of the large crowd at the finish, the aptly being rewarded when the 4 min. 59 sec. was exhibited on the board.

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WHO ARE THE KNOCKOUT KINGS AMONG THE "PUG" GENTS?

BY JEFF THOMPSON.
NEW YORK, February 29.—Who are the champions of the various fighting divisions? That question is constantly being asked, and it is hard to get any two men whose opinion is worth serious consideration to answer it in the same way.

As a general thing, I know no man whose judgment can be more safely taken on matters pugilistic than that of George Siler, the veteran referee. Here is how he sizes the thing up:

Heavy Weight—Tommy Burns, because Jeffries has retired and because Burns defeated Marvin Hart, who was awarded the title by the referee, Jeffries, when Hart beat Jack Root; also, because Burns has defended the title

against Jack O'Brien, Bill Squires, Gunner Moir and Jack Palmer; also, because Burns challenged Jeffries verbally at Los Angeles.

Light Heavy Weight—Jack O'Brien, of Philadelphia, who won from Fitzsimmons, the title was not involved when Burns and O'Brien fought.

Middle Weight—Claimed by Tommy Ryan, but he has not defended it for several years. Winners of Ketchell-Sullivan and Papke-Kelly bouts should fight for the championship.

Welter Weight—Contest between Harry Lewis and Jimmy Gardner best. Light Weight—Joe Goss is the undisputed champion.

Feather Weight—Abe Attell is the undisputed champion.

Bantam Weight—Johnny Coulton, of Chicago. Best bantam in the West, and twice defeated Kid Murphy, claimant of the title.

I do not agree with Siler as to the light heavy weight proposition. As a matter of fact, there really is no such class. A man is either a heavy weight or he is not, but having this point aside, I fail to see how any man can be champion at a class when another man can and has whipped him at the weights. Tommy Burns is as much entitled to the light heavy weight as to the heavy weight title. I also fail to see any right in Tommy Ryan's claim to the welter championship. A man who can't or won't fight for his

title forfeits it by all the rules of the game.

In other points I agree with Mr. Siler.

Owen Moran is again looking for a fight. He declares he has had enough of the theatrical game and wants to go back to his trade. He is a wise boy. No man can keep up the stage proposition and have any chance for high pugilistic honors. The two will no more mix than will oil and water.

I understand Terry McGovern starts to-morrow to join McGraw's Giants in Texas, and will train with them. Terry always was a fan of the thirty-third degree, and McGraw has

suggested to whom one or the other of the fighters had no objection.

Among the men who were suggested were Jack McGuigan, of Philadelphia; Malachy Hogan, John Krone, and has beaten record, setting down the course in the magnificent time of 4 min. 59 sec., which is a fine performance over a course of two miles length, with fifty-one corners in it, some of them requiring no little skill to take without an upset. The way Gazeka whizzed round the last tricky corner without break elicited the admiration and applause of the large crowd at the finish, the aptly being rewarded when the 4 min. 59 sec. was exhibited on the board.

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